


REMARKS

In the office action, all claims except claims 8 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) or 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over prior art. Claims 8 and 18 were rejected as being dependent on a rejected claim but were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have canceled independent claims 1, 12 and 20 and have rewritten claims 8 and 18 as the only independent claims presented. They have further changed the dependency of those claims originally dependent on claim 1 to claim 8 and the dependency of those claims originally dependent on claim 12 to claim 18. Thus, this application should be in condition for allowance with claims 2 – 11 and 13 – 19 as presented.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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